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WASHINGTON - Nina Shea, Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, an independent federal agency advising the Administration and Congress, will speak tomorrow about religious freedom at a conference on Belarus titled "Axis of Evil: Belarus - the Missing Link." The conference, with a keynote speech by Senator John McCain, is being held by the New Atlantic Initiative at the American Enterprise Institute.

WHAT: Conference, "Axis of Evil: Belarus - the Missing Link."

WHEN: Thursday, November 14, 2002, 8:45 a.m.

WHERE: American Enterprise Institute, 1150 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor.

Members of the media interested in covering this event must register. You can do so by registering online at <http://www.aei.org/inv021114.htm>, by E-mail at vrodman@aei.org, or by calling Veronique Rodman at 202-862-4871.

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom was created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to monitor the status of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief abroad, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related international instruments, and to give independent policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State and the Congress.

- Michael D. Young